

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows;

Page 1 prior to line 1 insert the heading - - BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION - - .

Page 1 line 5 delete " BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" and insert - - BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART - - .

Page 7 please amend the paragraph beginning at line 16 as follows:

The body 1 is also provided with a housing 15 extending substantially in the direction of an axis Y-Y' perpendicular to axis X-X', i.e. radial. The housing 15 is made in part 12 of the body ~~[[11]]~~ 1. Inside the housing 15 is slidably mounted a latch 5 on which a spring 6 exerts an elastic effort  $F_1$  directed opposite the bottom 151 of the housing 15, i.e. in the direction of its opening 152. The movement of the latch 5 under the effect of the effort  $F_1$  is limited by two projections 51 and 52 coming into abutment against the edge 153 of the opening 152. The bottom 151 of the housing 15 is provided with an orifice 154 connecting the housing 15 to the ambient atmosphere.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 18 of page 11 as follows:

In the configuration of Figure 5, the tooth 54 of the latch 5 maintains the piece 9 in configuration of circulation of

fluid through the coupler, the effort  $F_4$  exerted by the spring 96 in that case being overcome and the balls 100 then being opposite a cylindrical part 115 with rectilinear generatrix  $[[115]]$  of the conduit 11, with the result that they are engaged in the groove 76 and retain the connector 7 captive.